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TOPIC Officer Candidate School in Uherske Hradiste

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1. Prior to August 1950, an officer candidate school, commanded by a 60-year-old colonel, had about 300 officer candidates wearing one long silver stripe crossed by several short ones on their sleeves. It was in a barracks installation about 400 x 300 meters, of more than 10 brick buildings, some of which were five stories high, and garages. The installation was in Uherske Hradiste (Hungarian Hradisch) (P 50/T 09), on the north side of the road to Maratice (P 50/T 09), and also quartered 200 to 300 more troops including some whom [REDACTED] was sure he had previously seen in Hodonin (P 49/S 87) in 1949.
2. Platoons carrying rifles, 8 to 10 submachine guns, 1 light and 1 heavy machine gun, and 2 Soviet AT rifles of about 20 mm, 2 or 3 meters long, whose barrels were fitted with a muzzle brake and a clasp bipod and ended in a double metal shoulder stock, were frequently observed marching out of the installation.
3. Also, several tanks of two types which differed only in size and were equipped with a revolving turret, mounting a gun with muzzle brake slightly projecting beyond the nose, were frequently observed in, and moving out of, the installation. The larger tank was 6 to 7 meters long, more than 2 meters wide and 2.2 meters high, including the turret. The smaller tank was shorter and lower. Eight to ten armored cross-country motor vehicles were also seen leaving the installation on 1 May 1950. Some were half-track vehicles, with two front axles and an armored superstructure, open at the top and holding, in addition to the driver, not less than 20 MM in three lines at his rear. The rest of the vehicles were smaller, fairly low full-track vehicles seating about 10 troops. Two and three-axle trucks were also observed.
4. Drill was held in the barracks yard, with the officer candidates occasionally training. The FM. Combat training took place on a training ground located east of the village of Maratice. \*
5. According to information gathered in other prisons, armored personnel carriers of the same type as those observed in Uherske Hradiste had been previously seen in Hodonin in the summer of 1949. A motorized unit was located in Holesov (P 50/O 12) in the fall of 1949. A motorized unit, equipped with vehicles of the same type as the units in Uherske Hradiste and Hodonin, was located in Kromeriz (Kromsirr) (P 50/N 92). \*\* Only a limited number of troops was seen on the streets of Uhersky Brod in the spring of 1950. No troops were located in Straznice (P 49/T 07), Kijov (O 50/M 64), Vsetin (Vsetin) (P 50/O 43) and

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Vizovice (Wisowitz) (P 50/O 31) prior to August 1950.

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\* Comment. The present report confirms a previous one, which stated that an infantry reserve officer candidate school and the 27th Mtz Inf Bn of the 3d Mtz Inf Div, Utvar No 5337, were located in Uherske Hradiste.

\*\* Comment. The report confirms the OB picture of the 3d Mtz Inf Div as assumed before, with the division headquarters and the 3d Mtz Inf Bn located in Kromeriz, the 43d Mtz Inf Bn in Hodonin, and the 258th Arty Bn in Holesov.

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